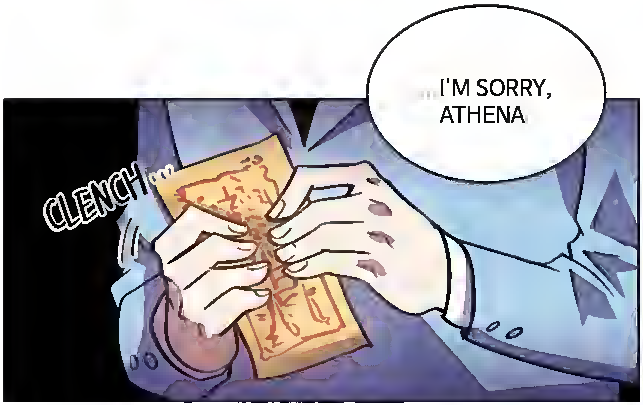
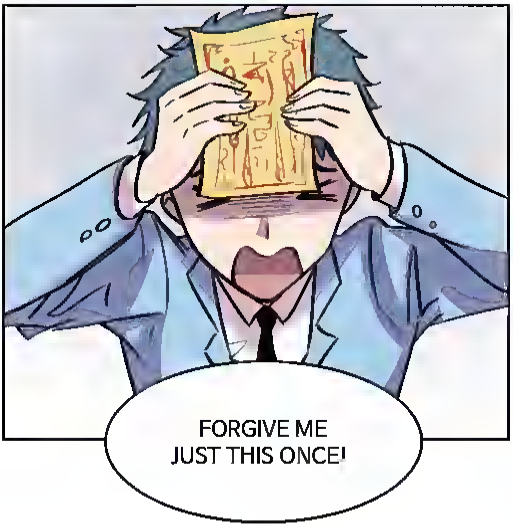

...I'M SORRY, ATHENA
CLENCH

I'M REALLY SORRY.
BUT THIS IS REALLY THE FIRST AND LAST TIME.


FORGIVE ME
JUST THIS ONCE!

HE'S SURE PUTTING ON QUITE THE SHOW.
WHAT ON EARTH IS HE SO SORRY ABOUT?

AND WHAT'S WITH THAT TACKY YELLOW SCRAP OF PAPER?
GULP...!

SSK
HM?!

T-THAT ARROGANT HUMAN...!

WHAT IS HE DOING?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
THAT'S LADY ATHENA'S DESK.

GET YOUR
DIRTY HANDS
OFF IT!!!

ATHENA COMPLEX

ATHENA COMPLEX

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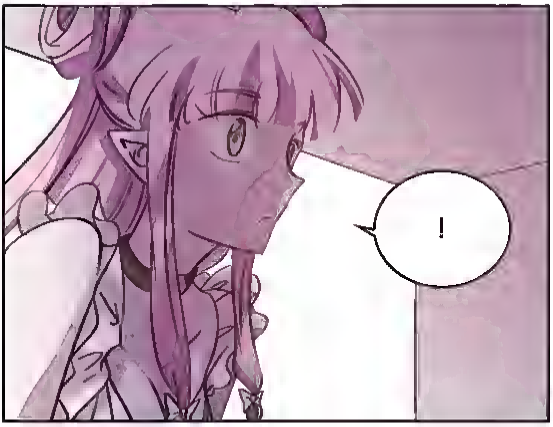
010. COUNTERATTACK (4)

DAAAAMNIT~! THAT FREAKING HUMAN!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
* SHE FOLDED HER WINGS.
HOW DARE HE SECRETLY LAY HIS HANDS ON LADY ATHENA'S BELONGINGS?
WHICH OF ALL THESE THINGS DID HE TOUCH?

THUD
FLOP
I'D LIKE TO JUST GET RID OF EVERYTHING
TWIRL
WHISH
BUT I CAN'T DO THAT WITHOUT LADY ATHENA'S PERMI-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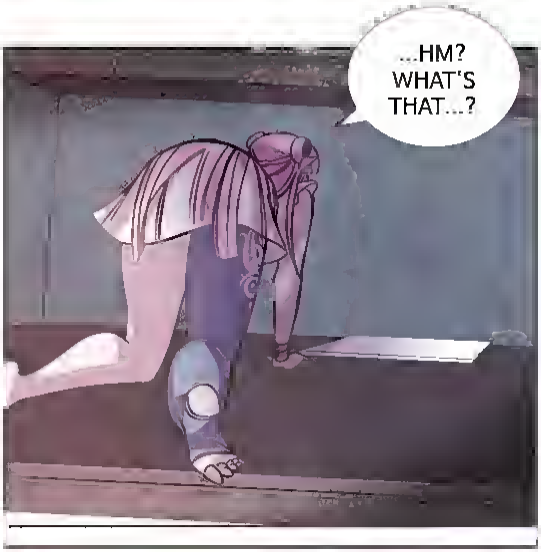
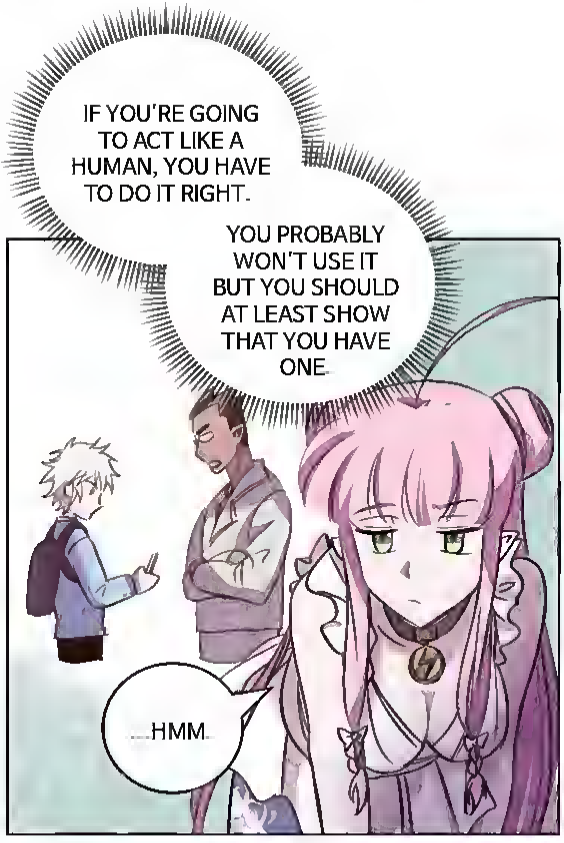
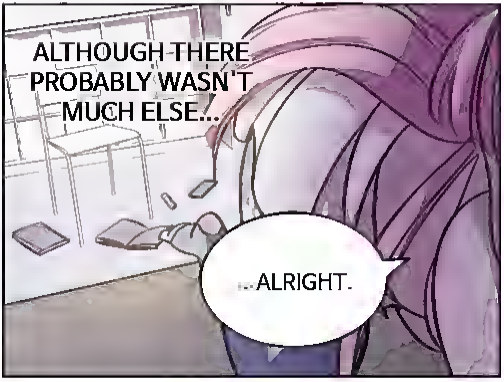

...HM?
WHAT'S
THAT...?

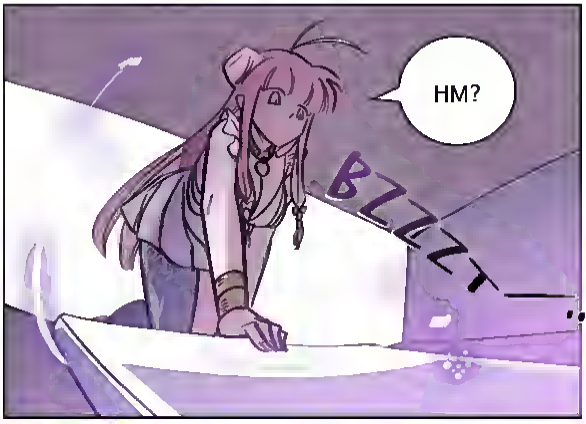
THAT'S THE THING THAT THE BIRD GAVE TO HER.
SMART PHONE HE SAID EVERY HUMAN HAS ONE NOWADAYS.


IF YOU'RE GOING TO ACT LIKE A HUMAN, YOU HAVE TO DO IT RIGHT.
YOU PROBABLY WON'T USE IT BUT YOU SHOULD AT LEAST SHOW THAT YOU HAVE ONE.
HMM.

SSK
THIS IS THE LAST OBJECT THAT I HAVEN'T CHECKED.


ALTHOUGH THERE PROBABLY WASN'T MUCH ELSE...
...ALRIGHT.

I'LL OFFICIALLY CHECK EVERY LAST ITEM
TAP!


HM?
BZZZT

BZZT
HUH?
W-WHAT
THE?
BZZZT

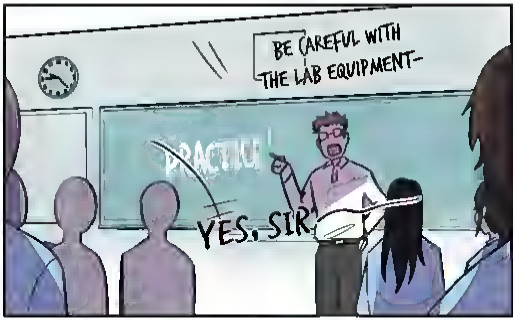
COULD THIS REACTION BE...
SHIVER

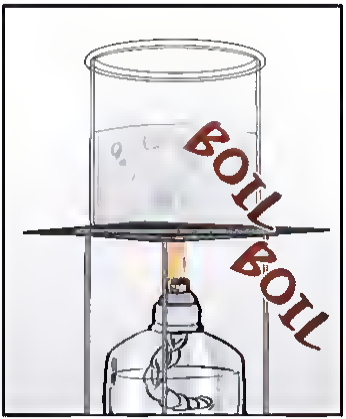
BZZ

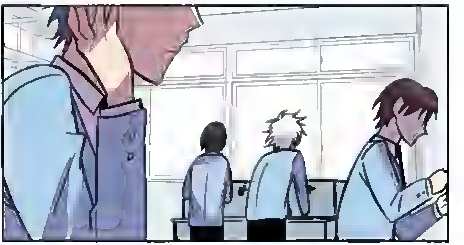
ZZZZT
AAAHHH

Hi
TSSSS

LABORATORY


BE CAREFUL WITH THE LAB EQUIPMENT-
YES, SIR!


BOIL
BOIL

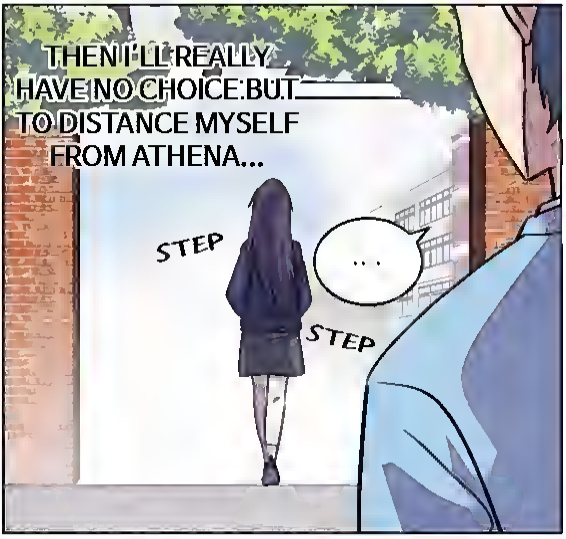


HEY, ADRIAN.
DO YOU GET IT NOW THAT I'VE TOLD YOU LIKE THIS?

FROM NOW ON BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM ATHENA.
GOT IT?

WHAT?!
W-WAIT, SIBYL! HOW CAN I SUDDENLY...
WELL, I'M LEAVING

AH...
T-THIS IS
BAD
IF WE END
THE CONVERSATION
LIKE THIS


THEN I'LL REALLY
HAVE NO CHOICE BUT
TO DISTANCE MYSELF
FROM ATHENA...
STEP
...
STEP

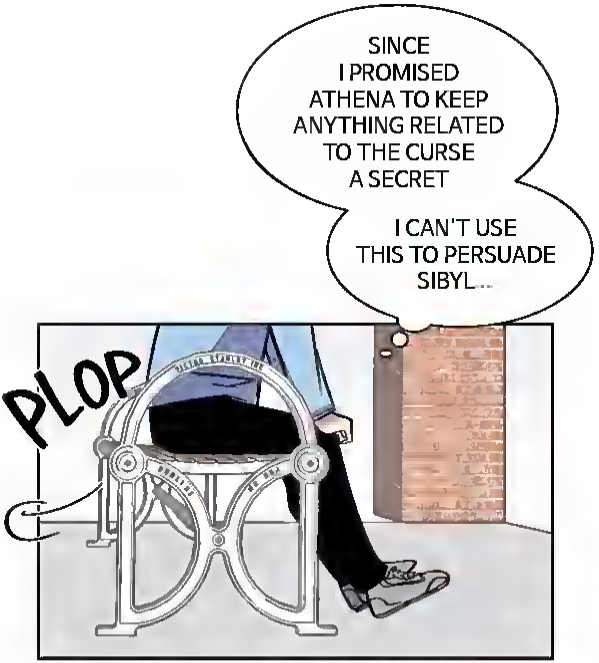
GLANCE
THERE'S A GHOST FOLLOWING ATHENA...?
THAT REALLY IS SCARY.

BUT WHETHER THIS GHOST IS REALLY FOLLOWING ATHENA OR NOT
ATHENA IS DOING HIS BEST TO PROTECT ME.

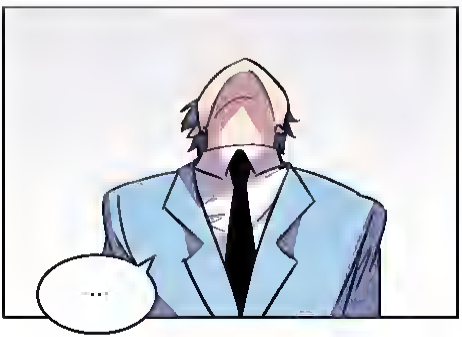
PHOTO (1/1)
FROM THE CURSE OF THE GODS.

I KNOW SIBYL
IS SAYING THAT
FOR MY SAKE
BUT STILL...

WHEW...
SINK
WHY IS EVERYTHING GETTING SO MIXED UP? JUST YESTERDAY I WAS HAVING THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE


SINCE I PROMISED ATHENA TO KEEP ANYTHING RELATED TO THE CURSE A SECRET
I CAN'T USE THIS TO PERSUADE SIBYL...
PLOP

AHH~
I JUST WANT TO BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING HAS GONE WRONG~



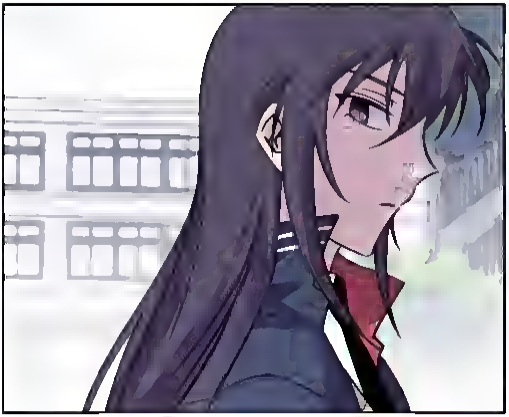
SIBYL!

HEY, SIBYLI!!!

CLASP

YOU KNOW... ABOUT THAT MUSCULAR GHOST
HUFF
HUFF
FOLLOWING BEHIND ATHENA...!

COULD YOU
HAVE POSSIBLY
SEEN IT WRONG?



...WHAT?
YOU TOLD ME.

YOU SAW IT YESTERDAY BUT NOT TODAY!
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU HAVE AN ARCHERY TRYOUT SOON, RIGHT?

YOU'RE PROBABLY STRESSED AND REALLY ON EDGE BECAUSE YOU HAVE A MATCH COMING UP.
SO IT SEEMS VERY POSSIBLE THAT YOU COULD HAVE IMAGINED IT BECAUSE OF YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITION.

AND AS I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY, ATHENA DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SUCH A BAD GUY.
WHEW
OF COURSE, I'VE ONLY KNOWN HIM FOR A FEW DAYS, AND I CAN'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING SPECIFIC ABOUT HIM...

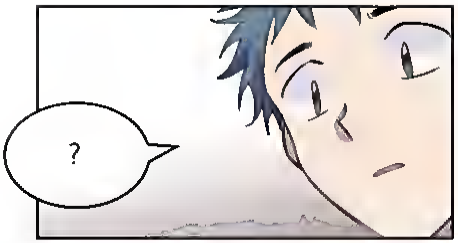
BUT WHETHER THE GHOST FOLLOWING BEHIND ATHENA IS REAL OR NOT,
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE AN ISSUE TO DECIDE UPON SO SUDDENLY-

QUIT BEATING AROUND THE BUSH AND GET TO THE POINT.

ULTIMATELY, YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, RIGHT?
SINCE YOU DIDN'T SEE IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES.

N-NO. SIBYL. IT'S NOT THAT...!
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE NOT THE KIND OF GUY WHO ACCEPTS MY ADVICE RIGHT AWAY.
SSK

FORGET IT. JUST TAKE THIS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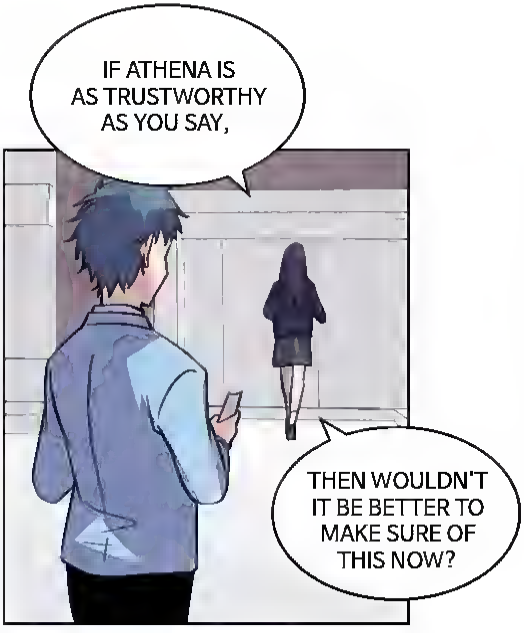
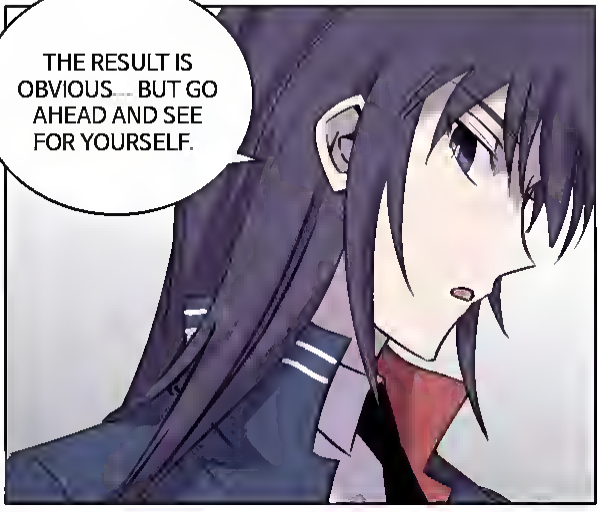
WHAT'S THIS? THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE ENVELOP...
IT'S A SPECIAL CHARM THAT I GOT FROM MY MOM.

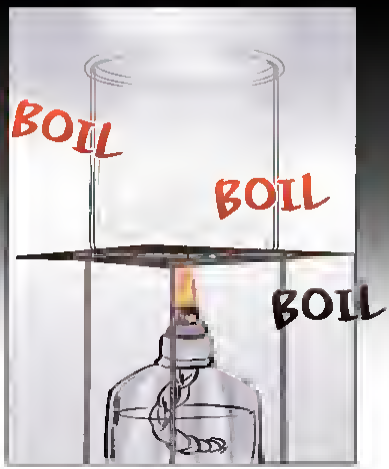
ITS EFFECT IS ONLY LIMITED TO NON-HUMAN BEINGS SO IT'S NOT DANGEROUS.
IT'S SIMPLE TO USE.
HIDE IT IN SOMETHING THAT ATHENA IS BOUND TO TOUCH.
IF I REALLY DID IMAGINE IT, THEN NOTHING WILL HAPPEN EVEN IF HE TOUCHES IT.


IF ATHENA IS AS TRUSTWORTHY AS YOU SAY,
THEN WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO MAKE SURE OF THIS NOW?



IF YOU STILL WANT TO BE CLOSE TO ATHENA EVEN AFTER SEEING THAT, THEN I WON'T STOP YOU ANYMORE.

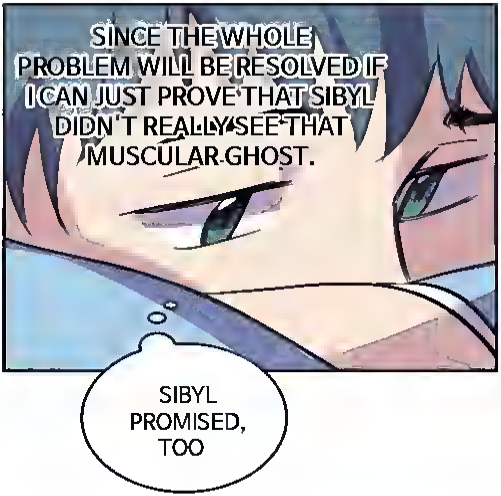
ULTIMATELY...

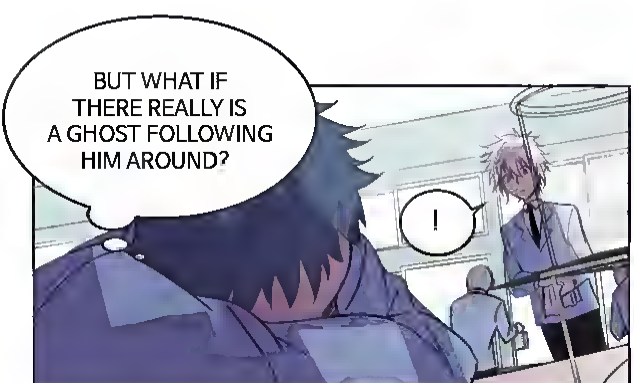


I DID WHAT SIBYL SAID.

SECRETLY TOUCHING THE BELONGINGS OF A FRIEND...
AND FOR SUCH A DISHONORABLE REASON, AT THAT.

WHEW...
I KNOW
I CHOSE TO
DO THIS MYSELF
BUT I FEEL SO
PATHETIC.
STILL, AS SIBYL SAID,
IT WOULD BE BETTER
TO CHECK IT NOW.


SINCE THE WHOLE PROBLEM WILL BE RESOLVED IF I CAN JUST PROVE THAT SIBYL DIDN'T REALLY SEE THAT MUSCULAR GHOST.
SIBYL PROMISED, TOO


BUT WHAT IF THERE REALLY IS A GHOST FOLLOWING HIM AROUND?
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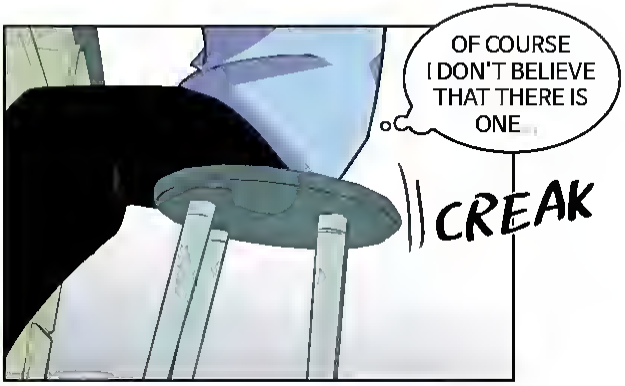
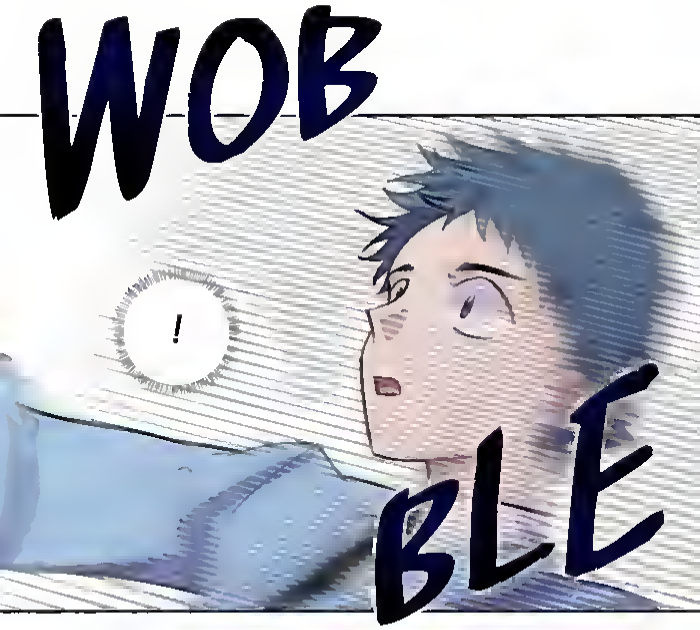

OF COURSE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE...
CREAK

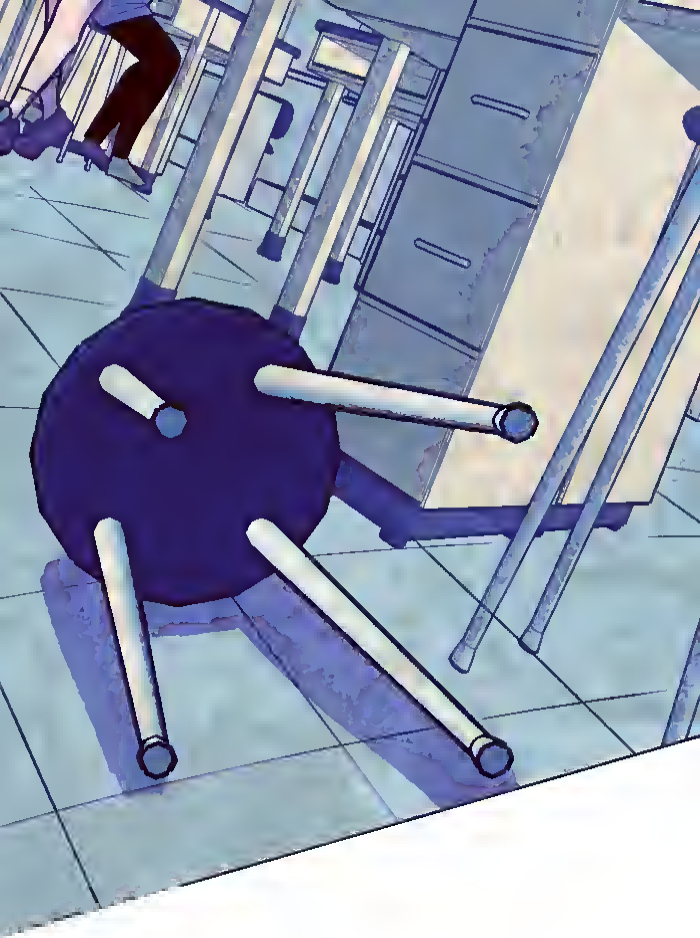
CREAK...


WOB
!
BLE

CRASH

WHISH

SMASH


HUFF

HUFF

ARE YOU HURT?

..AH..

ATHENA...!
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN A MOMENT LATER.

THANKFULLY YOU DON'T APPEAR TO BE HURT.
STILL, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY SURPRISED, HUH?
!

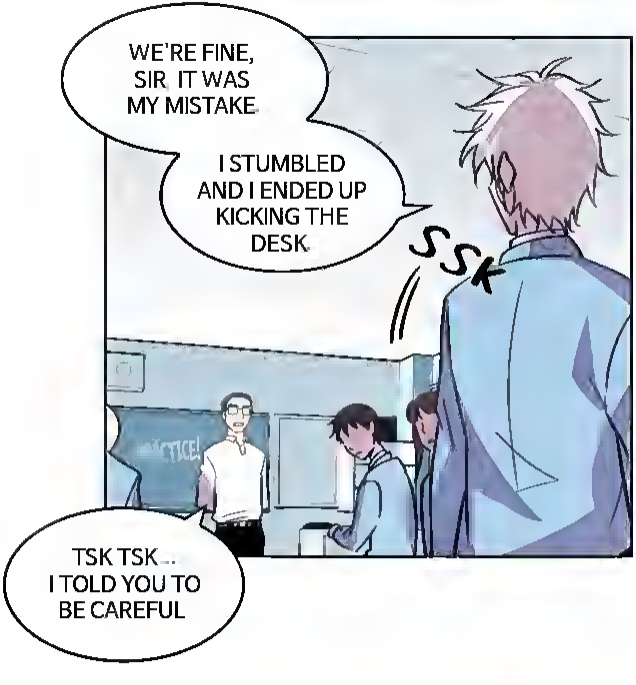
ATHENA'S
HAND...

Y-YOUR HAND..!
SHH, CALM DOWN I'M FINE.

THANKFULLY, NOBODY REALLY SAW WHAT HAPPENED.

LEAVE
THE REST
TO ME.

HEY, YOU
TWO OVER THERE!
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?
PRACTICE!


WE'RE FINE, SIR. IT WAS MY MISTAKE.
I STUMBLED AND I ENDED UP KICKING THE DESK.
SSK
TSK TSK... I TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL

ARE YOU HURT?
NO, SIR

I JUST GRAZED IT.
WHAT A RELIEF.
I'LL CLEAN UP ALL OF THE BROKEN EQUIPMENT.

I'M REALLY SORRY FOR CAUSING TROUBLE DURING CLASS
HEY, WASN'T THAT ADRIAN'S FAULT JUST NOW?
IT LOOKS LIKE ATHENA'S COVERING FOR HIM
I'M NOT SURE. I DIDN'T REALLY SEE WHAT HAPPENED

HEY,
IT'S OBVIOUS.
SINCE HE'S T.H.C.
TSK TSK,
I TOLD HIM.

HE SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM ADRIAN.
...THEY'RE RIGHT.

ATHENA
GOT HURT
BECAUSE
OF ME.

AND YET I...

WHAT HAVE
I SECRETLY DONE
...?

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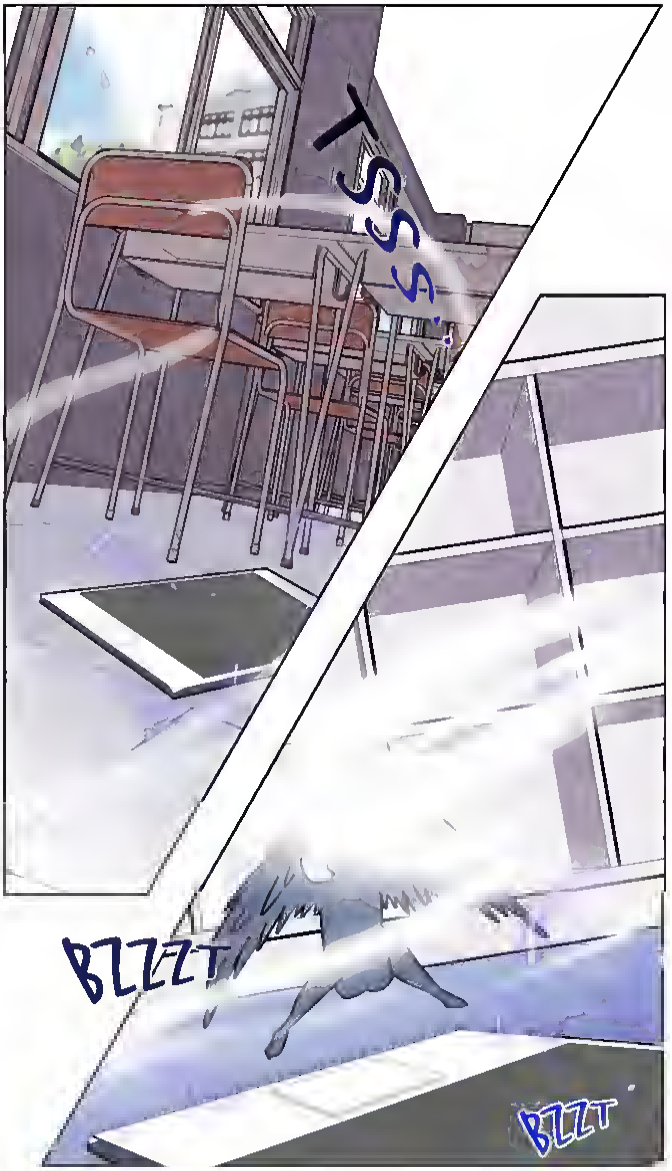
TSSS...
BZZZT
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